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International Bureau Goals and Objectives

Goals:

- Establish Rules and Policies to Foster and Accommodate Changes in Technologies and Services
- Foster Productive Exchange with Foreign Counterparts

Objectives:

- Facilitate Efficient and Innovative Use of Spectrum
- Ensure Safe and Interference-Free Operations
- Engage in Fast and Efficient Licensing and Processing of Applications
- Facilitate Foreign Investment in the U.S. Telecommunications Market
- Promote US Communications Policies and Best Practices Overseas

International Bureau Structure

Satellite Division

- Establishes Policies and Rules and Licenses Commercial Communications Satellites
- Negotiates and Facilitates of Satellite Coordinations
- Serves as USG Liaison to ITU for Satellite Notifications

Policy Division

- Executes Spectrum Sharing Rulemakings
- Licenses International Facilities
- Analyzes Foreign Investment
- Processes International Telecommunications Transactions

Strategic Analysis and Negotiations Division

- Serves as Bureau's Representative with Foreign Counterparts
- Leads Participation in International and Regional Forums
- Negotiates and Oversees Compliance with Cross Border Spectrum Agreements

Rulemakings

SDARS/WCS Sharing NPRM

Ensures Safe and Interference-Free Operations

- Seeks to Refresh the Record and Obtain Public Comment
- Tentatively Concludes that Origination of Local Programming from SDARS Repeaters Should be Prohibited
- Comments were filed on February 14, 2008, and Replies were due March 17, 2008

Rulemakings

17/24 GHz BSS Rules

Facilitates Efficient and Innovative Use of Spectrum

- Provides Framework for Provision of BSS and Broadband-Type Services
- Makes 400 MHz of New Spectrum Available for Commercial Satellite Use
- Facilitates Rapid Introduction of New and Innovative Services to U.S. Consumers Through First Come First Served Licensing Approach
- Promotes Increased Competition Among Satellite & Terrestrial Services

Rulemakings

Big LEO Spectrum Sharing and ATC

Facilitates Efficient and Innovative Use of Spectrum

- Globalstar: Exclusive Use of 7.775 Megahertz of L-band Spectrum at 1610-1617.775 MHz. Iridium: Exclusive Use of 7.775 Megahertz of L-band Spectrum at 1618.725-1626.5 MHz
 - Both Licensees to Share Less Than 1 Megahertz of Spectrum
- Globalstar/ATC NPRM -- Sought Comment on Whether to Increase Spectrum in Which CDMA Big LEO Systems (Globalstar) Can Operate ATC
- IB Circulated Draft Globalstar/ATC Report and Order on March 21, 2008, to Address NPRM Proposals

2007 Licensing and Processing Achievements

Engage in Fast and Efficient Licensing and Processing of Applications

- Acted on 499 International Telecom Applications
- Acted on 2035 Satellite Applications
- Facilitated or Completed 1098 Satellite Coordination Agreements
- Completed 2880 ITU and Cross Border Spectrum Notifications

Analyze Foreign Investment in Telecommunications Facilities

Facilitate Foreign Investment in the U.S.

Telecommunications Market

- Approved 11 Section 310 Requests for Foreign Investment Including:
 - TELPRI/American Movil
 - Loral/Telesat
 - Intelsat/Serafina
 - Stratos/Robert Franklin (Trustee)
 - T-Mobile/SunCom Wireless
 - MSV/SkyTerra

Cross Border Activities

Ensures Safe and Interference-Free Operations

- Cross Border Negotiations – Canada (Ongoing)
 - 700 MHz
 - 800 MHz (agreement for re-banding reached in October)
 - Specialized Mobile Radio Coordination
 - DTV Transition
- Cross Border Negotiations – Mexico (Ongoing)
 - High Level Consultative Commission
 - 700 MHz
 - 800 MHz
 - Specialized Mobile Radio Coordination
 - DTV Transition

International Advocacy

(Multilateral, Regional, Bilateral)

Promotes US Communications Policies and Best Practices Overseas

World Economic Forum Annual Meeting (Davos Switzerland), January 2008

ITU Global Symposium for Regulators (Pattaya, Thailand), March 2008

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Ministerial (Bangkok, Thailand), April 2008

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Ministerial (Seoul, Korea), June 2008

ITU World Telecom Standardization Assembly (Johannesburg, South Africa), October 2008

Thank You!

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